

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants gratefully appreciate the courtesies extended by the Examiner in conducting the Interview of November 15, 2007. Applicants respectfully submit that they have prepared this Amendment fully consistent with the discussions and understandings of the Interview.

In this Amendment, as discussed, Applicants have amended independent claims 6, 14, and 17 to more-particularly claimed that a rotor contains a first rotatable blade ring and a second rotatable blade ring. Thus, as claimed, it is a same rotor that contains two rotatable blade rings with each having the configuration as claimed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that any interpretation of the claims, as previously claimed and in particular with respect to independent claim 14, that would have given no patentable weight to the rotor in the preamble of the claims, has now been clarified. In Applicants' invention, a rotor has two rotatable blade rings.

Further in this Amendment, Applicants have more-particularly claimed that a first arrangement of the different distances of the blades within the first blade ring of the rotor is different from a second arrangement of the different distances of the blades within the second blade ring of the rotor. Thus, as discussed in the Interview, and as now more-particularly claimed, the rotor includes two rotatable blade rings, each of these blade rings have blades that differ in a distance from each other, and the blade rings have a different blade arrangement with respect to each other. Applicants respectfully submit that they have more-particularly claimed and added this feature of dependent claims 7 and 16 into the pending independent claims and have cancelled dependent claims 7 and 16.

As also further discussed, Applicants respectfully submit that even if El-Aini (Figure 1) could be considered to disclose a rotor that includes two rotatable blade rings that each have blades that differ in a distance from each other, or even if the Examiner could make an argument that either Caruso or El-Aini could be modified such that a rotor of the references could include two rotatable

blade rings that each have blades that differ in a distance from each other based on an obviousness “duplication of parts” argument, that Applicants’ invention as now more-particularly claimed still distinguishes over these references.

In Applicants’ invention, as now-particularly claimed, the first rotatable blade ring has a different arrangement for its blades from that of the second rotatable blade ring and its blades. Thus, there is a particularly claimed differing structural relationship between the two rotating blade rings and not merely a duplication of the same blade rings in the rotor, if this in and of itself is not patentable. In Applicants’ invention, the claimed relationship between the two blade rings optimizes vibration mechanics.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment has been prepared fully consistent with the discussions and understandings in the Interview and would appreciate the Examiner’s continued careful consideration of these amendments and arguments. Since the present Office Action is a “Final” Office Action, Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination concurrent with the filing of this Amendment.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

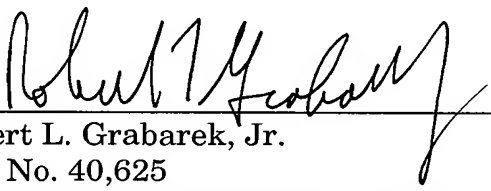
As provided for above, this paper should be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket No. 011235.57084US).

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